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	Claims <u>1-54</u>	NO
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Regarding claims 20-39 and 52, Zeller discloses a method of reading a message whose values have been inserted into sets of pattern elements in a digital authentication pattern belonging to a digital representation, the method comprising the steps of:

Selecting sets of pattern elements belonging to the digital authentication pattern that carry message elements of the message, and for each selected set, comparing the set with equivalent sets that have a possible value of the message element to determine the value of the message element in the selected set (Par. 0115-0160).

Regarding claim 42, Zeller discloses a method of determining whether an analog form that includes a copy detection pattern is an original analog form, the method comprising the steps of:
Scanning the copy detection pattern to produce a digital representation thereof, and using one or more global properties of the digital representation of the scanned copy detection pattern to make at least a preliminary determination of whether the analog form is an original analog form, the preliminary determination being made without reference to a digital representation of the original of the analog form's copy detection pattern (Par. 0033-0047).

Regarding claim 43, Zeller discloses a method of determining a copying relationship between digital representations, each of the digital representations including a portion that is sensitive to alteration produced by a copying process and the method comprising the steps of:
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Regarding claim 44-51, Zeller discloses a visual authentication pattern for a document, the visual authentication pattern having high entropy and being sensitive to the effects of print and scan operations and being characterized in that: the visual authentication pattern is subdivided into units which are distributed across the document (Par. 0029-0047).

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